

App. No. 09/717,758
Office Action Dated May 18, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The Specification and claims 1 and 11-13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 12, and 13 were rejected as being anticipated by Kiik (EP 0 866 502 A2). Claims 1, 12, and 13 are canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection as applied to the rejected claims.

Claim 11 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kiik in view of Morcom (US 4,835,616). Claim 11 is canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection as applied to the rejected claim.


In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Respectfully Submitted,

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